

Application No.

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Response to Rule 312 Communication

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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 19 March 2010 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☒ entered

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

An attached Notice of References Cited form lists the reference U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0004898 to Kamikawa et al. (hereafter referred to as "Kamikawa"). Prior to writing the Notice of Allowance and Fees Due, the examiner discussed the relevancy of the Kamikawa reference with applicant in a telephone interview, and applicant has requested that Kamikawa be put on the record. As a result, the examiner has attached the Notice of References Cited form.

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